



FACT SHEET

DHCS' ROLE IN CALIFORNIA'S HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM

- DHCS programs, including Medi-Cal, serve more than 8.5 million Californians. Total enrollment will near 10 million members by the end of 2014.
- One in five Californians receive health care services financed or organized by DHCS, making the department the largest health care purchaser in the state.
- DHCS invests approximately \$72 billion in public funds to provide low-income Californians with access to affordable, high-quality health care, including medical, dental, mental health, substance use disorder services, and long-term services and supports.
- DHCS programs emphasize prevention-oriented health care that promotes health and well-being. This serves those with the greatest health care needs through the effective use of public resources. The department focuses on improving the health of all Californians by enhancing quality and the patient care experience, while appropriately reducing the per capita costs of health care programs. DHCS also administers programs for underserved Californians, including farm workers and American Indian communities.
- Approximately 5.5 million Medi-Cal members in all counties, as of November 1, receive their health care through 21 managed care health plans. DHCS is committed to ensuring that members have patient-centered, coordinated care and are aware of their choices.

BUDGET

- The 2013-14 budget contains more than \$72 billion in total public funds for the support of DHCS services and programs, including \$16.2 billion General Fund. DHCS has approximately 3,500 employees.
- The 2013-14 budget contains more than \$70 billion for Medi-Cal, including about \$16.1 billion General Fund.
- For fiscal year 2013-14, Medi-Cal will receive approximately \$43 billion in federal funds.

MEDI-CAL

- Created in 1966, Medi-Cal is California's Medicaid health care program that covers a variety of medical services for children and adults with limited income and resources.
- Medi-Cal is supported by federal and state funds and accepts applicants regardless of sex, race, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability or veteran status. Medi-Cal currently covers more than 8.5 million Californians, about half of whom are children.

MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY

- Health care reform authorized states to expand Medicaid, effective January 1, 2014, to many low-income individuals under age 65 who were ineligible for coverage. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) established a new Medicaid income eligibility limit of 138 percent of the federal poverty level (\$15,856 for an individual in 2013) for individuals who are citizens or legal immigrants.
- Children are eligible for Medi-Cal as long as their family income does not exceed 250 percent of the federal poverty level (\$48,825 for a family of three in 2013).
- Medi-Cal will extend eligibility to childless adults and will increase Medi-Cal eligibility to allow certain parents to remain in the program who previously would lose access to care when their income slightly exceeded the federal poverty level. For more information about eligibility, please log on to the DHCS [website](#).

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES

- As of July 1, 2013, mental health and substance use disorder services came fully under DHCS' purview from, respectively, the former Departments of Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Programs.
- DHCS now develops, implements, and oversees policies and procedures related to the Specialty Mental Health Consolidation Program and non-waiver Medi-Cal mental health services. DHCS also assesses and develops effective and efficient delivery systems that improve mental health care options and reduce mental and physical health care costs. Please log on to the DHCS [website](#) for more information.
- DHCS also establishes and implements policies and procedures for the effective operation of the Drug Medi-Cal Treatment Program and assesses and develops effective and efficient delivery systems that improve substance use treatment services and outcomes and help to reduce health care costs. Please log on to the DHCS [website](#) for more information.

PROVIDER PARTICIPATION

- More than 400 hospitals and approximately 130,000 doctors, pharmacists, dentists and other health care providers participate in the Medi-Cal program to provide medically necessary services to members.
- DHCS' federally approved access monitoring plan ensures there is provider access for services in each county. Members are also guaranteed access to care/providers

in managed care health plans. The state will be monitoring access to services for the Medi-Cal expansion population through this access monitoring plan.

IMMIGRATION STATUS

- If you seek health care coverage in the Health Insurance Marketplace or through an insurance affordability program like Medicaid, you are required to provide certain information about your immigration status and your household members in order to learn if you are eligible for coverage.
- Please know that the information you provide is used to determine whether you qualify and not for any type of civil immigration enforcement action under U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).